



**SUMMARY OF NOTES FOR THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
DISABILITIES  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
<http://laccod.org>**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2013**

**1:00 PM**

NO AUDIO IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS MEETING. (13-1672)

Call to Order. (13-1345)

**The meeting was called to order by President John B. Troost at 1:13 p.m. and noted the lack of a quorum.**

Present: President John B. Troost, Vice President Janet A. Neal, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer and Commissioner Alexia Teran

Absent: 2nd Vice President John R. James, Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Excused: Treasurer Kecia Brooke Weller, Commissioner Wan Chun Chang, Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner Steve Miller and Commissioner Ruben Anthony Rios

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Approval of the Agenda for the meeting of March 20, 2013. (13-1053)

**This item was continued to a future meeting without discussion.**

2. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of February 20, 2013. (13-1346)

**This item was continued to a future meeting without discussion.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

3. Recommendation to approve distribution of the 2013 Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter, and Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr., Memorial Scholarship application. (13-1365)

**This item was taken off calendar.**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

4. Discussion and approval of the 2013 Access Awards Luncheon Budget. (Continued from the meeting of 02/20/13) (13-0743)

**This item was continued to a future meeting without discussion.**

### **III. REPORTS**

5. President's Report for February 2013. (13-1348)

**President John B. Troost again expressed his concern regarding the Commission's inability to establish a quorum for several meetings. He encouraged Commissioners to attend the meetings and asked that they remain until the meeting is adjourned. He is researching options or alternatives service options for people with disability.**

**Following discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

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6. Monthly Report by Events' Committee Chair Janet A. Neal. (13-0595)

**Events Committee Chair Janet A. Neal provided an overview report of the March 13, 2013 Events Committee meeting. She also reported as she will participate in a discussion on Blogradiostation on March 20, 2013.**

**Following discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

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7. Staff report on the possibility of including the unofficial transcripts provided by Total Recall of the Commission on Disabilities' Regular meetings minutes, as requested by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal at the meeting of January 16, 2013. (Continued from the meeting of 02/20/13) (13-0402)

**Emma De Jesus, Commission Services staff, reported that Total Recall Captioning meeting transcripts will be linked to the approved minutes of the meetings. Mrs. De Jesus noted the transcripts are "Unofficial" and**

**therefore will not be reviewed or corrected by staff. The transcripts will be attached and linked as UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS.**

**Following discussion, there being no objection, this item was filed.**

8. Monthly Report by Yvonne Price, ADA Compliance Administrator, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority. (Continued from the meeting of 02/20/13) (13-0598)

**Yvonne Price, ADA Compliance Administrator, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority reported that METRO participated in the Abilities Expo held on March 16, 2013. A customer feedback survey was conducted on METRO's services for people with disabilities. METRO has implemented the 'First to Board and First to Exit' protocol for disabled persons utilizing wheelchairs, on trains and buses.**

**Ms. Price responded to questions posed by the Commission.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.**

9. Status Report by Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Paratransit Program Administrator for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO), on malfunctioning elevators and the hours lost to non-operating elevators, as requested by Commissioner Colley at the meeting of January 16, 2013. (Continued from the meeting of 02/20/13) (13-0601)

**On behalf of Giovanna Gogreve, Yvonne Price reported the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO), on malfunctioning elevators and the number of hours lost to non-operating elevators, as requested by Commissioner Colley at the meeting of January 16, 2013. She also shared a handout documenting elevator service downtime and repairs.**

**Ms. Price responded to questions posed by the Commission.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

10. Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services Inc.; and status on contract between LA CARE and Access Services Incorporated, as requested by Vice President Janet A. Neal, at the meeting of January 16, 2013. (Continued from the

meeting of 02/20/13) (13-0604)

**Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services, Inc. reported that Access Services Incorporated was conducting a community outreach campaign and has visited the Veterans Administration Home, the Torrance Regional Center, and a senior home in Gardena. He also responded to 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal's inquiry regarding information pertaining to L.A. Care from Access Services staff. He stated that a lack of communication is the main culprit of the problems, and he will work on resolving the misinformation.**

**Mr. Burns responded to questions posed by the Commission.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.**

#### **IV. PRESENTATIONS**

- 11. Presentation by Paul Adams of Ambient Control Systems, on emergency alert services provided to people with disabilities by Ambient Control Systems. (13-1344)**

**Paul Adams, Network Engineer Systems Administrator of Ambient Control Systems, provided a Power Point presentation on the Emergency Alert Services that is being provided to people with disabilities. He stated that the system is being tested in Montecito County in order to gather data and feedback from users. Additionally, Mr. Adams stated he will return in the fall with information and findings relating to Ambient Emergency Alert System.**

**Mr. Paul Adams and Mr. Jonathan Luck, Chief Executive Officer and President of Ambient, responded to questions posed by the Commission.**

**President John B. Troost thanked Mr. Adams and Mr. Luck for informative and helpful presentation.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

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#### **V. DISCUSSION**

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12. Discussion on appointment of a Commission on Disabilities' representative to the Access Services, Incorporated, Board of Directors. (Continued from the meeting of 02/20/13) (11-4154)

**This item was continued to a future meeting without discussion.**

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#### **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

13. Commissioners' announcements for February and March 2013. (13-0618)

- a. **Commissioner Alexia Teran announced that she will attend the Cinco de Mayo Festival and Parade in Cypress Park, CA. She requested staff to provide Commissioner Teran, Commission on Disabilities informational flyers, brochures, handouts, METRO flyers and the Commission on Disabilities Banner which will be displayed at the event.**
- b. **Commissioner Edward A. Colley announced that he was in Sacramento and had an opportunity to meet and discuss with senators and members of the Assembly the change in term limits, charities in Santa Clarita as well as issues affecting the disabled community.**
- c. **1st Vice President Janet A. Neal announced there have been several town hall meetings on health care and a number of things that affect people with disabilities. She also stated that Senator Karen Bass and Governor Jerry Brown commented that the disabled community has paid enough and that they should not lose any other Medi-Cal benefits or services.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

14. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-5607)

**The following item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.**

**Public Comment**

15. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-0794)

**Joseph DeGuerre addressed the Commission regarding limited services on the Rapid Transit District (RTD) No. 40 bus line.**

**Phyllis Coto addressed the Commission regarding the need to have public service announcements in elevators and at the METRO Station platforms used by the people with disabilities.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.**

**Adjournment**

16. Adjournment for the March 20, 2013 meeting. (13-1366)

**On motion of 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, and by common consent, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.**